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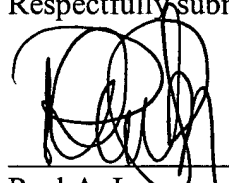
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed February 4, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of Species III depicted in FIG. 1D. The elected Species corresponds to claims 4 and 23. The election is made without traverse.

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